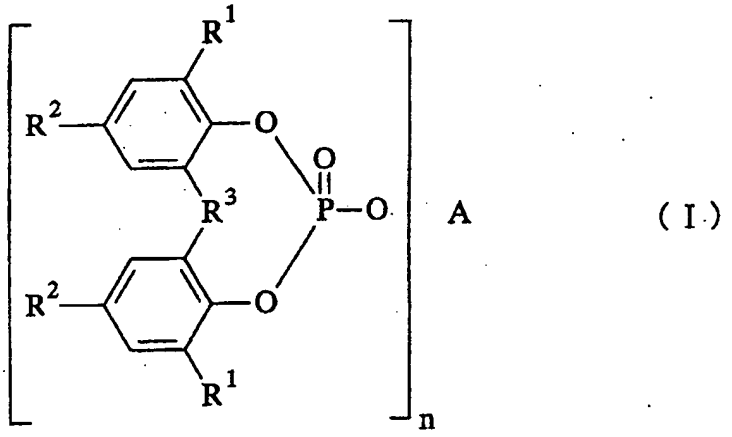
AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A crystalline synthetic resin composition comprising a crystalline synthetic resin, and a nucleating effective amount of a phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent having an average major-axis length of 10 μm or less, an average aspect ratio of 10 or less, and a bulk specific gravity of at least 0.1, the phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent being represented by the following formula (I):



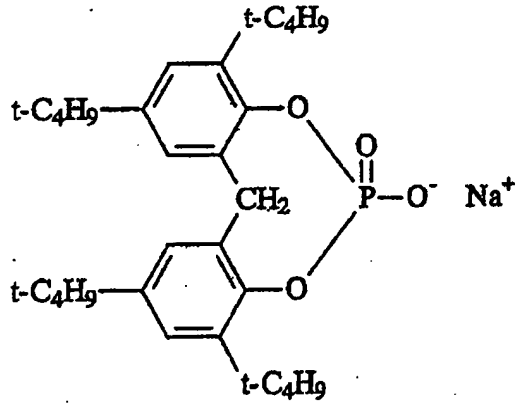
(I)

wherein R^1 represents a C4-C8 alkyl group, R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C8 alkyl group, R^3 represents a C1-C4 alkylidene group, A represents a metal having a valence of n, and n is an integer of 1 or 2.

2. (Previously Presented) The crystalline synthetic resin composition according claim 1, wherein the average major-axis length of the phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent is 5 μm or less.

3. (Previously Presented) The crystalline synthetic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal represented by A is an alkali metal.

4. (Previously Presented) The crystalline synthetic resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the compound represented by formula (I) is a compound represented by formula (II):



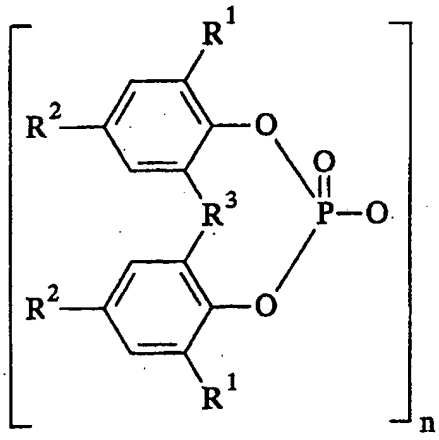
(II)

5. (Previously Presented) The crystalline synthetic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent is present in an amount between 0.001-10 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of the crystalline synthetic resin.

6. (Previously Presented) The crystalline synthetic resin composition according to claim 5, wherein the phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent is present in an amount between 0.01-5 parts by weight.

7. (Currently Amended) A nucleating agent ~~comprising~~ consisting of a phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent having an average major-axis length of 10 μm or less, an average aspect ratio of 10 or less, and a bulk specific gravity of at

least 0.1, the phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent being represented by the following formula (I):



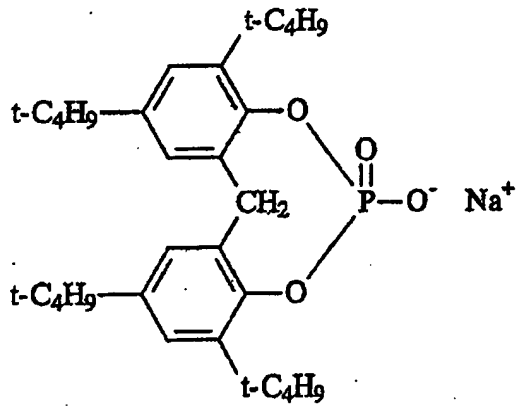
(I)

wherein R^1 represents a C4-C8 alkyl group, R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-C8 alkyl group, R^3 represents a C1-C4 alkylidene group, A represents a metal having a valence of n, and n is an integer of 1 or 2.

8. (Previously Presented) The nucleating agent according claim 7, wherein the average major-axis length of the phosphoric acid aromatic ester metal salt nucleating agent is 5 μm or less.

9. (Previously Presented) The nucleating agent according to claim 7, wherein the metal represented by A is an alkali metal.

10. (Previously Presented) The nucleating agent according to claim 7 wherein the compound represented by formula (I) is a compound represented by formula (II):



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11. (Previously Presented) A synthetic resin composition comprising a synthetic resin and a nucleating effective amount of a nucleating agent as in claim 7.